

REMARKS

Claims 1-69 are pending in the application.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 7, 8, 15-20, 28, 31-36, 40, 42-47, 50, 51, 58-61, 63, 64, 68, and 69 were rejected.

Claims 3, 5, 6, 9-14, 21-27, 29, 30, 37-39, 41, 48, 49, 52-57, 62 and 65-67 were objected to as being based upon rejected claims, but would be allowable if rewritten.

Claims 1, 17, 19, 22, 34, 38, 45, 53, 60, 66 have been amended.

Claims 2, 3, 18, 25, 37, 52, and 65 have been canceled without prejudice.

Claims 19, 22, 26, 38, 53 and 66 have been amended to correct minor informalities.

No new matter has been added.

Reconsideration of the Claims is respectfully requested.

1. Rejections

Claims 1, 2, 4, 7, 8, 17-20, 28, 31, 34-36, 40, 42, 45-47, 50, 51, 60, 61, 63, and 64 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Application No. 2002/0060827 to Agazzi ("Agazzi").

Claims 15, 16, 32, 33, 43, 44, 58, 59, 68, and 69 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Agazzi and in further view of U.S. Application No. 2002/0159546 to Fulghum et al. ("Fulghum").

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of dependent Claim 3. Claims 2 and 3 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claim 17 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of dependent Claim 25. Claim 25 has been cancelled without prejudice. Claim 34 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of dependent Claim 37. Claim 37 has been cancelled without prejudice. Claim 45 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of dependent Claim 52. Claim 52 has been canceled without prejudice. Claim 60 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of Claim 65. Claim 65 has been canceled without prejudice.

2. Conclusion

As a result of the foregoing, the Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 1, 4-17, 19-24, 26-36, 38-51, 53-64, and 66-69 are in condition for allowance, and respectfully requests an early allowance of such Claims.

If any issues arise, or if the Examiner has any suggestions for expediting allowance of this Application, the Applicant respectfully invites the Examiner to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below or at *ksmith@texaspatents.com*.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees connected with this communication or credit any overpayment to Garlick Harrison & Markison Deposit Account No. 50-2126.

Respectfully submitted,

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